

Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a Planned Development Permit (PD07-008) to demolish ten buildings, totaling approximately 337,200 square feet, that comprise the San José Medical Center, located at 675 East Santa Clara Street in central San José. The proposed demolition would be completed in two phases. In phase I, eight of the 10 buildings would be demolished, as would a portion of Building 800. The project would retain and preserve the approximately 7,200 square foot historic portion of Building 800. The phase II would include demolition of the San José Mediplex building, located at 725 East Santa Clara Street. The project would not remove parking lots or any other asphalt or concrete-paved areas. All buildings would be removed to ground level, and sub-grade open areas would be filled in. An estimated 2,048 truck loads or 51,200 cubic yards of demolition material would be removed from the site, and the demolition process is expected to take approximately six months. Utility lines and wells would be capped and/or closed until future development of the site. After demolition, the site would be enclosed by a fence and patrolled by private security personnel. Any hazardous materials that are still in or on the buildings, including asbestos-containing materials and lead-based paint, would be removed in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

The proposed project will have potentially significant environmental effects with regard to air quality, noise, and cultural resources. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires this notice to disclose whether any listed toxic sites are present at the project location. The project location is <u>not</u> contained in the Cortese List of toxic sites.

The Draft EIR and documents referenced in the Draft EIR are available for review online at the City of San José's website: http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/eir/eir.asp and are also available at the following locations:

Department of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement 200 East Santa Clara Street, 3rd Floor San José, CA 95113 (408) 535-3555 Dr. Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Branch Library 3090 Alum Rock Ave. San José, CA 95127 (408) 808-3090 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Main Library 150 E. San Fernando St. San José, CA 95112 (408) 277-4822

The public review period for this Draft EIR begins on **June 4, 2008** and ends on **July 21, 2008**. Written comments must be received at the Planning Department by **5:00 p.m.** on July 21, 2008, in order to be addressed as part of the formal EIR review process. Comments and questions should be referred to Rachel Roberts in the Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement at (408) 535-7860, via e-mail: rachel.roberts@sanjoseca.gov, by fax at (408) 292-6055, or by regular mail at the mailing address listed above. Please reference the above file number in your written comment letter.

Following the close of the public review period, the Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement will prepare a Final Environmental Impact Report that will include responses to comments received during the review period. A public hearing before the Planning Commission to consider certification of the Final EIR is tentatively scheduled for August 20, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at San José City Hall, 200 East Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113-1905. Ten days prior to the public hearing on the EIR, the City's responses to comments received during the public review period will be available for review and will be mailed to those who have commented in writing on the EIR during the public review period.

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